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Military Alerts

1. Once a month military alerts, in which all units on the airfield participated, were staged at Mlada Airfield (N 50-14, E 14-55). However, during the month of February 1954, there were approximately 15 military alerts. Source did not know the reason for the increases in alerts.
2. The alerts were staged in the early morning hours between 0400 and 0600 hours. The duty officer received instructions for the alerts by telephone from regiment headquarters. After the alert was sounded troops who were detailed to guard the airfield had to assemble at the parade ground in six minutes, with field equipment, gas masks, and machine guns. They were divided into groups of nine men each with an NCO in charge of each group. From the parade ground they double-marched to an assigned place approximately 300 m. outside the airfield, where they dug fox-holes and took up positions facing toward the outside. Each row was armed with one heavy machine gun, one light machine gun, and submachine guns. The airdrome maintenance personnel reported to their respective jobs. The pilots, who lived approximately 250 m. from the airfield, had to report for duty in six minutes and the first flight was airborne in 10 minutes. They flew in formations of eight above the airfield and some to a destination unknown to source. They were airborne approximately 45 minutes. The alert for the troops guarding the airfield lasted about two hours.

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Training Alerts

3. Training alerts were staged twice monthly. They took place during normal duty hours. Troops had to assemble on the parade ground with field equipment, arms, and gas masks. After roll-call by the NCO in charge of the groups, the troops were dismissed. Airdrome maintenance personnel did not participate in these alerts. During alerts, aircraft were grounded.

Chemical Alerts

4. Chemical alerts were staged once a month. They took place between 0800 and 1200 hours. All personnel assigned to Mlada Airfield had to wear their gas masks. Source had no further information.

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